



City of Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission

Notice and Agenda

MARKED

5:00 p.m. Thursday January 7, 2010
Granite Reef Senior Center, Room 8

1700 N. Granite Reef

Road

Scottsdale, AZ 85257

1. **CALL TO ORDER** **Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 5:12pm. Quorum present.**
2. **ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Gerald Miller, Vice Chairperson Howard Myers, Carla, Melinda Gulick, BJ Heggli, Rand Hubbell, Deke Joralmon, Fred Klein, Tom Silverman, Linda Whitehead, Susan Wheeler

Members Present: Chairperson Gerald Miller, Vice-Chairperson Howard Myers, BJ Heggli, Deke Joralmon, Melinda Gulick (arrived at 4:13pm), Linda Whitehead, Susan Wheeler, Fred Klein, Carla;

Members Absent: Rand Hubbell, Tom Silverman

3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Citizens may address the members of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission during Public Comment. This "Public Comment" time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. However, Arizona State Law prohibits the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda.

Commission Action: Information Items

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commission Action: Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of the regular Meeting minutes of December 7, 2009

Motion by Howard Myers to accept the December 7, 2009 meeting minutes as corrected. Second by Deke Joralmon.

Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

6. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES BY THE McDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY- Executive Director Ruthie Carl

Commission Action: Information and Comments

7. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF BYLAW CHANGES

Commission Action: Discussion and Possible Action: The Commission will review proposed changes in its current Bylaws.

Motion by Susan Wheeler, to move the latest version of the bylaws to the Assistant City Attorney for review – to be returned back to the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission one week prior to the next MSPC meeting. Second by Howard Myers.

Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

8. PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE & ACTIONS

Commission Actions: Information and Possible Actions: Committee Chair Howard Myers and Director Murphy will lead the discussion covering sections of the Preserve Management Plan with assignments of sections to the Commission as a whole and/or to the Planning Committee for adoption, additions and completions, or generation of draft versions. These discussions will include Commercial Use Permits and Preserve Naming Policy.

Motion by Melinda Gulick, to accept the 2009 Draft MSP Master Plan, the 2009 Draft MSP City of Scottsdale Management Plan and the 2009 Draft MSP City of Scottsdale Resource Management Plan as a starting point for the MSP Management Plan. The Commission should then use the summary document provided by Howard Myers as our guide to decide what else might be needed in the plan. Second by BJ Heggli.

Motion fails, 4-5.

Motion by Howard Myers, to start with the his outline of the MSP Management Plan, and update and revise as necessary. Second by Linda Whitehead.

Motion passes, 7-2 (Heggli, Klein dissent)

Motion by Carla, to take the Draft Commercial Permit document to all known commercial users prior to the February meeting (if possible, if not, March) for input with a goal to approve the final document no later than March 2010. Second by Howard Myers.

Motion passes unanimously, 9-0.

9. PROMOTION COMMITTEE UPDATE & ACTIONS

Commission Action: Discussion and Possible Actions: Committee Chair Linda Whitehead will provide an update on committee actions and plans.

10. DESERT DISCOVERY CENTER JOINT TASK FORCE UPDATE

Commission Action: Discussion and Possible Actions: Task Force Chair BJ Heggli will update the Commission on planned activities.

11. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ACQUIRING STATE TRUST LANDS

Commission Action: Information Item and Possible Actions: The Commission may discuss items discussed in their early work study session and possibly adopt goals and set priorities for acquiring State Land parcels.

Motion by Deke Joralmon, to accept "Alternative A" in the acquisition strategy as a priority for 2011. Second by Howard Myers.

Motion passes, 8-0 (Heggli abstained).

12. CHANGE IN DATE FOR McDOWELL SONORAN MONTH

Commission Action: Discussion and Possible Action: Commissioner Klein will provide an update and recommendations for possible changes.

Motion by Fred Klein, that McDowell Sonoran Month be moved to a different month. Second by Melinda Gulick.

Motion passes, 7-2 (Whitehead, Gulick dissent)

13. DEVELOPMENT OF A PRESERVE HISTORY

Commission Action: Discussion and Possible Action: Commissioner Carla will present the case for developing a comprehensive history of the Preserve.

Motion by Carla, that the MSPC make it a priority in 2010 that an official history of the Preserve be started. Direct staff to look into the cost for an official, objective historian to complete this history, and put the project in the city budget. Second by Howard Myers.

Motion passes, 8-1 (Klein dissent)

14. COMMISSION POLICY FOR RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FROM INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS

Commission Action: Discussion and Possible Actions: Commissioner Joralmon will lead a discussion on orderly ways to bring forth requests to the Commission.

15. PRESERVATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Commission Action: Information Items: Director Ekblaw will update the Commission on the status of discussions with the State Land Department, State Trust Land Reform, Land Purchases and/or other items.

16. PRESERVE OPERATIONS REPORT

Commission Action: Information Items: Director Bill Murphy, Executive Director, Community Services Division.

17. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commission Action: Information Items from Commissioners


18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commission Action: Discussion and Possible Action: Develop tentative agenda for the February 2010 meeting.

19. ADJOURNMENT 8:40pm.

Commission Action: Motion to adjourn the meeting

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